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# Cultural & Heritage Resources

## Preliminary Alternatives Handout

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## Key Points

- The planning area has 227,942 acres surveyed for cultural resources. A total of 73,711 acres have been surveyed in Granite County, 88,400 acres in Missoula County, and 65,831 acres in Powell County. Of those acres surveyed, 565 prehistoric sites and 2,139 historic sites have been recorded for a total of 2,704 sites.
- Notable sites in the planning area include: Garnet Ghost Town, Coloma Ghost Town, Gold Creek Mining District, Blackfoot City, Devil's Eyebrow, and the Cokalarishkit/Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (see Special Designations Fact Sheet).
- Today, tourism plays an important role in the planning area's economy. With this increase in tourism, the BLM faces new challenges to protect and promote its cultural resources.
- The Missoula Field Office consults with the Salish-Kootenai Tribes annually and also coordinates on other programs such as Visual Resource Inventory, seed collection, and restoration of culturally-sensitive plants.
- Management of cultural resources, across all alternatives, will comply with various applicable laws and policies such as the Antiquities Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Archaeological Resources Protection Act, National Programmatic Agreement and State Protocol (2012), and the BLM 8100 Manual.

## Alternatives

### Common to All Alternatives

1. Comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for all actions that have the potential to affect historic properties. Managers shall consider all prudent and feasible alternatives to avoid adverse effects on cultural resources or their uses.
2. Garnet Ghost Town Right-of-Way Avoidance Area.

### Alternative B

1. This alternative proposes the withdrawal of 263 acres from locatable mineral entry in and around Garnet Ghost Town (*See the "Energy and Minerals Preliminary Alternatives Handout" for more information regarding the proposed locatable mineral withdrawal*).
2. Stabilize a minimum of one structure in Garnet Ghost Town as feasible .
3. Conduct approximately 200 acres of Section 110 inventory annually.
4. Monitor all building structures in Garnet Ghost Town, and an additional 5 eligible sites annually

### Alternative C

1. This alternative proposes the withdrawal of 355 acres from locatable mineral entry in and around Garnet Ghost Town (*See the "Energy and Minerals Preliminary Alternatives Handout" for more information regarding the proposed locatable mineral withdrawal*).
2. Stabilize a minimum of two structures in Garnet Ghost Town as feasible
3. Conduct approximately 300 acres of Section 110 inventory annually.
4. Monitor all building structures in Garnet Ghost Town, and an additional 5 eligible sites annually.